

HERE'S REASON FOR BRITAIN'S EMBARGO

When America ran her foreign trade balances up to \$400,000,000 a year, went into the shipping business, and bought in most of the American securities that were held abroad, she interfered considerably with the wheels of foreign exchange.

The details of a situation, which has been generally known, were revealed before the House Ways and Means Committee in executive session by Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Albert Rathbone. He also threw some light on the causes of the British embargo on certain American manufactured products, which goes into effect March 1.

Added to the foreign trade balance of \$400,000,000, foreign governments owe us \$50,000,000 a year interest on the \$5,000,000,000 we loaned them. That makes \$450,000,000 a year Uncle Sam will collect. But, before the war the foreign trade balance in our favor was largely paid by ourselves—that is, by freight charges which we paid foreign ship owners, money sent home by immigrants, and interest we paid on American securities owned abroad. But we have bought in most of those securities; and we are going into the ship business ourselves.

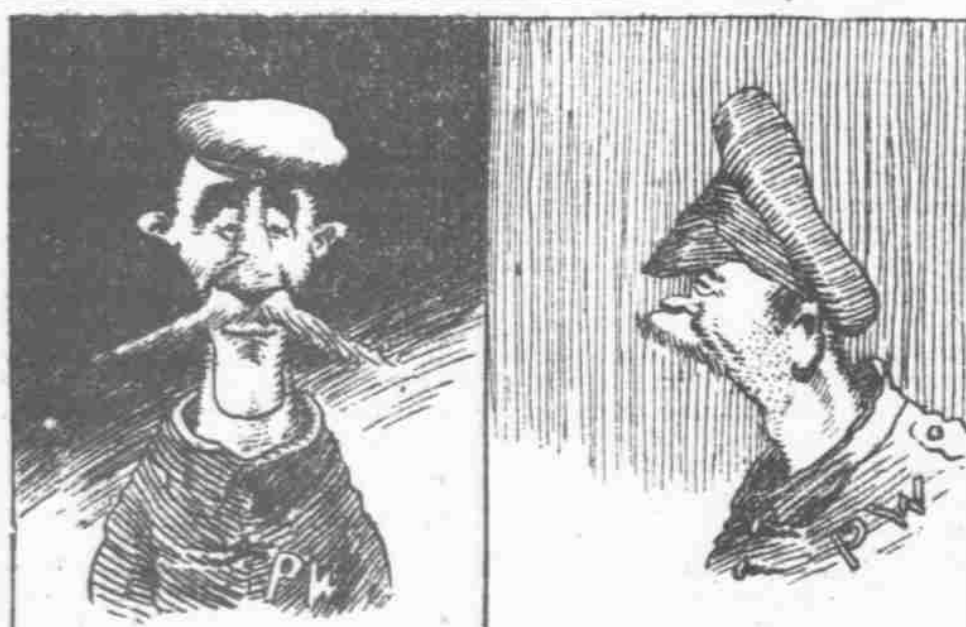
"So, according to Mr. Rathbone, foreign nations are going to have only about \$200,000,000 a year to pay off the \$500,000,000 they owe us."

"The situation has been made so difficult for Great Britain," he said, "she cannot resume until she gets back where she can pay. As a matter of fact, the ordinary merchant would be gratified to have a man tell him he would not buy more than he could pay for. There is no doubt that Great Britain does not intend any discrimination against us."

Publication of the hearing report also revealed the fact that Secretary Chase favors exempting foreign owned Liberty bonds and notes from taxation, on the theory that they would be heavily bought in such countries where buyers insured against taxation in this country.

BOOTLEG BOOZE EXPLODES.
DANVILLE, Ill., Feb. 23.—Revenue officers guarding "bone dry" Indiana decided on trench helmets when a whiskey-filled automobile radiator exploded under their noses.

Boobs Abroad in 1919



THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND NO DOUBT HAD THIS BEAUTIFUL GENTLEMAN SLATED FOR THE JOB OF EMPEROR OF MANHATTAN, THE BRONX AND YONKERS.

AND THIS FINE SPECIMEN OF ADVANCED "CIVILIZATION" WAS PROBABLY PROMISED THE KINGDOM OF NIAGARA FALLS WITH ALL POINTS WEST AS FAR AS THE CHICAGO STOCK YARDS.

AND THIS SWEET, LOVABLE BIRD WAS TO BE CROWNED OTTO THE FIRST, RULER OF THE DUCHY OF KANSAS CITY AND WALLA, WALLA.

A GERMAN VICTORY WOULD HAVE GUARANTEED THIS ELEGANT SAMPLE OF FRINGE NOTHING LESS THAN THE TITLE OF GRAND DUKE OF THE GRAND CANYON.

AND HERE, NO DOUBT, WE SEE THE NOBLE BONEHEAD WHO WAS TO SPEND HIS GLORIOUS FUTURE EXISTENCE AS THE CROWN PRINCE OF CALIFORNIA WITH ALL THE MOVING PICTURE PRIVILEGES.

AND THIS GENTLE SOUL EXPECTED TO BE CALLED BARON CAMMEBERT OF ALASKA, HAWAII, CUBA AND HOBOKEN AND DUKE OF THE PANAMA CANAL.

ALL YANKS WORTHY IS STAND OF LANE

Modern crusaders, operating as a co-ordinated band, is what the 164,000 units of the National Council of Defense will become, if they follow the suggestion of Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior.

Today he sent to the forty-eight State councils, for transmission to the 4,000 country organizations, a warning against permitting politics to color their activities when they

take over the machinery of the councils of defense for the benefit of local communities. Closer, perhaps, to the actual heart of the nation's life than any other organization ever has been, with the exception of the draft board machinery, these organizations are asked to help make good Americans; help get jobs for soldiers, and to make it their business to see that the dependents of soldiers get proper treatment from the War Risk and other organizations.

FIREMEN CAN'T HEAR WHISTLE.
LINCOLN, Ill., Feb. 23.—If a fireman's right to hear his own fire whistle isn't guaranteed by the Constitution it should be, local department members assert. They want their signal moved nearer the station.

Don't stop buying War Savings Stamps until you have purchased all you can.

BALTIMORE BOWERY HUGE CRIME CENTER

BALTIMORE, Feb. 23.—When Frederick C. Dowdall, alleged hold-up man and ex-marine, who is now looked upon as the action of the grand jury, confessed to detectives when he was apprehended Saturday that he had been buying "dope" in the vicinity of Baltimore and Holiday streets, he not only drew attention to the fact that the traffic in narcotics is still flourishing in this city but to the center from which radiates much of the crime committed in Baltimore.

The police have long been cognizant of conditions in this neighborhood. The average man, however, has given them little attention. Forced into the city by the closing of most of the dives in the county at which they formerly congregated, the crook, the gambler, the pickpocket, the hold-up man, the "dope" peddler, the pirating chauffeur and the searlier woman have made this locality their rendezvous. It has become the Bowery of Baltimore, where vice lies hidden by day and stalks abroad by night.

Like the old Bowery, it is not frequented by the "high-class" burglar or the polished crook, nor is it the haunt of the "big fish" in the political pond. But it is the gathering place of petty criminals of every description and of the "pow-wow" of petty politicians to whom is entrusted the task of lining up "the boys."

Bears Cosmopolitan Aspects.
Within the territory bounded by Baltimore, Gay, Fayette, and Holiday streets are encompassed perhaps more cosmopolitan aspects of city life than in any area of equal size in Baltimore. A massive church stands shoulder to shoulder with a theater and a saloon; a jewelry establishment rubs elbows with a bootblack stand; a pawn shop faces a well-known bank; and, as for the rest, it is almost entirely theaters, moving picture parlors, billiard rooms, Chinese restaurants and saloons.

The crowds which nightly throng Baltimore street between Gay and Holiday are motley, for here is a miniature White Way. From immense electric signs in front of two large theaters a myriad of vari-colored lights flash intermittently. From the motion-picture parlors, billiard rooms, above and around the entrances create a brilliancy almost dazzling. Nor are all of the lights extinguished at midnight, for this block is likewise the center of such all-night life as the city has.

Within one of the theaters the "tired business man" puffs at his cigar as he watches with interest the cavortings of the "Tobacco Daring" and yawns at the quips of "burlesque's foremost comedian," whose jokes are among his earliest recollections of childhood. In the other theater, the really tired workman and clerk with their families are enjoying an "evening" in the routine of their daily lives. In the motion-picture houses, usually crowded, is to be found almost every metropolitan type.

Regular Habitués Appear Later.
But it is not these that give real color to the neighborhood. Long before midnight most of them have retired, and as the night crowd gradually thins out, the regular habitués become more conspicuous. At the corner of Baltimore and Holiday streets linger a few patient Salvation Army workers, who have been singing, praying and collecting since nightfall. Nearby is a "catercorner" with a huge telephone, who will show you the mountains of the moon for a dime, and across the streets in a Socialist orator haranguing a small crowd, most of which consider him a better comedian than the alleged laugh-producers just seen at the theater.

Standing with their backs to the wall of the bank or loitering along the curbstone are the professional idlers, who "need just one more drink for a night's lodging," and who warily watch the patrolman on the corner as they approach pedestrians. In little groups stand "fakers" of various descriptions, discussing the fruits of the day and planning for the morrow. In the darkened doorways of the motion-picture houses lurk the peddlers of "dope," the expert "panhandlers" and the petty thieves, ready to fraternize with the "drunks" which they know will shortly put in their appearance, and "trim" them or else take their money by more forcible methods.

Within the saloons a group of knowing ones with clear heads are giving "straight tips" on the next day's races to interested auditors; another group, somewhat flushed of face and thick of tongue, are discussing politics and assuring him who is buying the drinks that they will be with his candidate to a man; and an individual, whose assurance has increased with the amount of alcohol imbibed, is telling a friend just what he would do at the Paris conference if he were President Wilson.

With the stroke of midnight others

You Must See German Prisoners to Realize What We Missed When We Put the Kaiser Out of Business.

By Goldberg

TO SPEED UP WORK OF WAR COUNCIL

PARIS, Feb. 23.—All special committees of the peace conference will be asked to submit their reports March 8, under plans to speed up work which are expected to be adopted soon by the Supreme War Council. The new additional armistice terms were ready this afternoon, but the council was to take up other subjects connected with the preliminary peace settlement.

The new conditions, however, were understood to have been discussed Monday. It is understood they provide for further reductions of the German army from the original forecasts. (Previous reports said the German standing army would be reduced to about twenty-five divisions.)

**GIRL CAPTURES THIEF;
IS GIVEN \$100 REWARD**

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 23.—For the capture of James Smith, a Philadelphia negro, after he had stolen a locket in the jewelry store of B. F. Wallen, Miss Vera Morehauser, a telephone operator, Captain of Detectives Schragier and Motorcycle Policeman Kreher were yesterday rewarded with a check for \$100 by the Jewelers' Alliance.

Miss Morehauser was in the store when she saw the negro slip a locket down his neck. She quietly left the store and telephoned to the police, and Smith was caught with the jewelry in his possession.

The girl and the two officers divided the reward easily.

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SHE HAS HER REASONS.
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 23.—A woman asks a ticket refund from the Frisco road, because: "First, I want a new pair of shoes. Second, I have decided not to abandon my husband. Third, my husband has learned of my intentions to desert him."

GYPSY CARAVANS NOW USE MOTORS

Even the gypsy caravan is becoming modernized. One hears of a band of nomads "gypsying" through Indiana in automobiles, and, even more surprising, cooking on kerosene stoves instead of by camp fires, and washing clothes with electric washing machines. But this must be an unusually up-to-date band of gypsies.

For 600 years since their first recorded appearance in eastern Europe, the gypsies have been going about the world keeping curious intact the habits, character, and language that modern ethnologists believe they brought with them from India, and remained always an odd combination of picturesque vagabondage and personal conservatism.

Perhaps, however, these highly modern gypsies anticipate the future and are beginning, as they traverse the country, to trade second-hand automobiles as they used to trade horses.

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Flags for the Automobile

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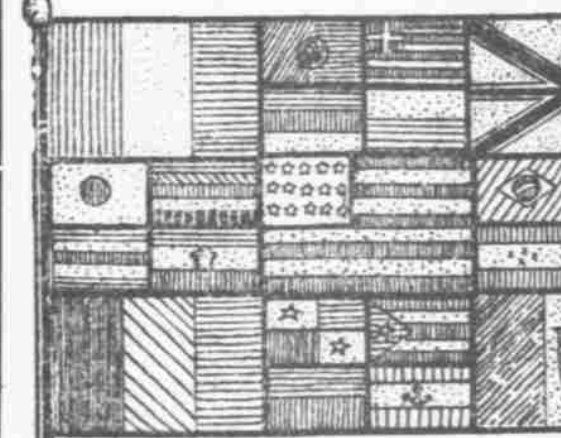
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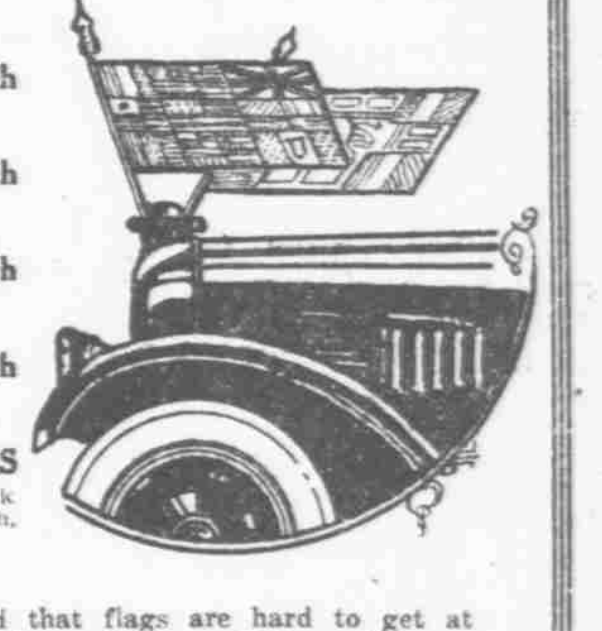
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